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1. On 28 July a Soviet Technical Military Advisory Group, headed by a Bosdenikov (from Chinese phoneticization), arrived in Harbin. On 1 August the group conferred with Chinese Communist military authorities on the following matters:
  - a. The sending of Chinese Communist youths to the USSR for military training;
  - b. Certain technical aspects of Chinese Communist military training which are the concern of the Soviet Army;
  - c. The strengthening of the military organization of the Chinese Communist-controlled areas;
  - d. The undertaking of standard (sic) military training;

Comment. It is not clear whether this refers to the standardization of all training in Chinese Communist-controlled areas or to the adoption of training similar to that which is standard for the Soviet Army.)

  - e. The distribution and use of military equipment received and to be received from the Soviet Army.
2. On 2 August, twelve men of the Advisory Group visited the Chinese Communist Wang Kang Training Center in Harbin, which gives training in mechanized warfare. Equipment at the center includes ten small Japanese tanks and over fifty armored cars. Two of the instructors are Russians. The morale of the students at the center is very high. It is anticipated that the equipment will be increased and the training intensified as a result of the visit of the Soviet Advisory Group.
3. On 3 August the Advisory Group left Harbin to inspect Chinese Communist military training centers and war prisoner camps in Tsitsihar (123-57, 47-22), Nenchiang (125-13, 49-11) and Chiamussu (130-21, 46-49).
4. On 1 August Soviet military authorities conferred with Chinese Communist military authorities concerning the strengthening of eastern border defenses. Work on the border defenses has already started in the Hunchun (130-22, 42-52) area.

Comment. [redacted] reported Soviet troops and installations in Hunchun, and [redacted] the strengthening of defenses in the eastern border area.)

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